

ESHB 1050 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds:

4 (1) There are students with disabilities throughout the state of
5 Washington who have attended four years of high school, but whose
6 individualized education programs prescribe the continuation of special
7 education and related services beyond the fourth year of high school;

8 (2) Through their participation in the public schools and the
9 community, students with disabilities have frequently become identified
10 with and connected to a class of typically developing, age-appropriate
11 peers who will graduate in four years and participate in a high school
12 graduation ceremony;

13 (3) A high school graduation ceremony is an important rite of
14 passage for students regardless of their abilities or limitations; and

15 (4) There is significant value in recognizing students' attendance
16 and accomplishments in their individualized education programs and in
17 allowing students with disabilities to participate in high school
18 graduation ceremonies and activities with their age-appropriate peers
19 without the forfeiture of their continuing special education and
20 related services.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.155
22 RCW to read as follows:

23 (1) Beginning July 1, 2007, each school district that operates a
24 high school shall establish a policy and procedures that permit any
25 student who is receiving special education or related services under an
26 individualized education program pursuant to state and federal law and
27 who will continue to receive such services between the ages of eighteen
28 and twenty-one to participate in the graduation ceremony and activities

1 after four years of high school attendance with his or her age-
2 appropriate peers and receive a certificate of attendance.

3 (2) Participation in a graduation ceremony and receipt of a
4 certificate of attendance under this section does not preclude a
5 student from continuing to receive special education and related
6 services under an individualized education program beyond the
7 graduation ceremony.

8 (3) A student's participation in a graduation ceremony and receipt
9 of a certificate of attendance under this section shall not be
10 construed as the student's receipt of either:

- 11 (a) A high school diploma pursuant to RCW 28A.230.120; or
- 12 (b) A certificate of individual achievement pursuant to RCW
13 28A.155.045.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act may be known and cited as Kevin's
15 law.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
17 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
18 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
19 immediately."

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20 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "ceremonies;" strike the
21 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter
22 28A.155 RCW; creating new sections; and declaring an emergency."

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